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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 08/897,351	Applicant(s) Janjic et al.
	Examiner Stephanie Zitomer	Group Art Unit 1634

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

This communication is responsive to amendment filed 3-1-99

The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21

The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.

including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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Attachment(s)

- Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 7, 9
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- Interview Summary, PTO-413
- Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Vanessa Appleby on March 26, 1999.
3. **The claims have been amended as follows:**

In claim 1, line 1, "VEGF" has been replaced with --Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF)--.

In claim 2, lines 2 and 4, --VEGF-- has been insert before "Nucleic Acid Ligand" (all occurrences).

In claim 2, line 2, "eye" has been replaced with --ocular application--.

In claim 2, lines 5-6, "and administering said complex to the eye" has been deleted.

In claims 12, 13 and 18, line 2, "between" has been deleted.

In claims 12, 13, 18 and 19, line 2, "K" has been changed to --Kd--.

In claims 14, 15, 20 and 21, "(VEGF ligand)" has been deleted.

In claims 14 and 20, -(SEQ ID NO:8)-- has been inserted after the nucleotide sequence.

In claims 15 and 21, -(SEQ ID NO:9)-- has been inserted after the nucleotide sequence.

4. **Closing**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephanie Zitomer whose telephone number is (703) 308-3985. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, W. Gary Jones, can be reached on (703) 308-1152. The official fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-4242. The unofficial fax number is (703) 308-8724.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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TITLE OF INVENTION VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH FACTOR (VEGF) NUCLEIC ACID LIGAND COMPLEXES

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